

2. To treat *Motacilla ficedula* of 1766 as a partial synonym of *Muscicapa atricapilla* and partially as a doubtful mixture.

3. To accept *Motacilla atricapilla* of 1758 (p. 187) as the undoubtedly correct name of the Blackcap.

4. To accept *Muscicapa atricapilla* of 1766 (which has nothing to do with Linnæus's *Motacilla atricapilla*) as the correct name of the Pied Flycatcher.

The generic name *Ficedula* cannot be used for the Black-and-White Flycatchers, because, first of all, we cannot separate the various genera adopted by Oberholser, as I shall shew elsewhere, and, secondly, it is a Brissonian name, which, as I explained at the last Zoological Congress in Berlin, cannot be adopted. Therefore, I repeat once more, the Pied Flycatcher cannot be called *Ficedula ficedula*, but should be termed *Muscicapa atricapilla*.

XXXII.—*Proceedings at the Anniversary Meeting of the British Ornithologists' Union, 1906.*

THE Annual Meeting of the British Ornithologists' Union for this year was held at the house of the Zoological Society of London, No. 3 Hanover Square (by permission), on May 30th. In the absence of the President, the Chair was taken by Dr. P. L. Selater, D.Sc., F.R.S.

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Report of the Committee announced the continued prosperity of the Union during the past year, as regards both its Membership and its finances.

The volume of 'The Ibis' for 1905 was the fifth of the eighth series, under the joint Editorship of Dr. P. L. Selater, D.Sc., F.R.S., and Mr. A. H. Evans, M.A. It contained 677 pages, and was illustrated by 11 coloured and 2 uncoloured plates.

With much regret the Committee reported the deaths of the following Members of the Union:—

Ordinary Members: Dr. William T. Blanford, Mr. James

Carter, Lieut. Sutton A. Davies, Dr. Paul Leverkühn, Sir Robert L. Patterson, Canon Tristram, and Lieut. Martin Young.

Honorary Member: Dr. Jean Cabanis.

Colonial Member: Capt. F. W. Hutton.

Foreign Members: Dr. Victor Fatio and Dr. E. Oustalet.

Eight Members had resigned since the last Annual Meeting and the names of three others had been removed under Rule 6. Also the election of Lt.-Col. A. Collins, which had taken place at the last Annual Meeting, had been cancelled at his request.

At the date of the Meeting the Union consisted of 396 Ordinary Members, 2 Extra-Ordinary Members, 9 Honorary Members, 5 Colonial Members, and 18 Foreign Members.

The Report having been received, the Meeting proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, and it was announced that Dr. F. DuCane Godman, F.R.S., had been re-elected President, and Mr. Howard Saunders, Secretary; also that Mr. Frederick Gillett had been elected a Member of the Committee in the place of Mr. E. G. B. Meade-Waldo, who had retired by rotation. It was also announced that Dr. P. L. Selater, D.Sc., F.R.S., and Mr. A. H. Evans, M.A., had been elected Editors of the ninth series of 'The Ibis.'

The following twenty-five gentlemen were then balloted for and elected Ordinary Members of the Union:—David A. Bannerman, The Pilgrims' Way, Westerham, Kent; George L. Bates, C.M.Z.S., Kribi, Cameroon, West Africa; Staines Boorman, Heath Farm, Send, Woking, Surrey; John A. S. Bucknill, M.A., Government Patent Office, Box 52, Pretoria, Transvaal; The Hon. Ian M. Campbell, Cawdor, N.B.; Russell J. Colman, D.L., J.P., Norwich; Hugh S. R. Elliot, 14A Lancaster Street, Lancaster Gate, W.; Jeremiah M. Goodall, 52 Oxford Gardens, North Kensington, W.; Seton P. Gordon, Auchintoul, Aboyne, N.B.; Arthur Foster Griffith, 59 Montpellier Road, Brighton; Septimus Hedges, The Weir House, Sunbury-on-Thames; Paul Kollibay, Ring 12, I., Neisse, Germany; John H. Leigh, Matcham's Park, Ringwood, Hants; William E. F. Macmillan, 27 Queen's

Gate Gardens, S.W.; Major Henry A. F. Magrath, 51st Sikhs, Frontier Force, Kohat, India; Major H. Moore, District Pay Office, Gibraltar; Bertram B. Osmaston (Imperial Forest Service), Port Blair, Andaman Islands; Lt.-Col. Rullion H. Rattray, 22nd Punjab Infantry, Dera Ghazi Khan, Punjab; Baron R. Snouckaert van Schauburg, Neerlangbroek, Holland; Surgeon Charles E. C. Stanford, R.N., B.Sc., M.B., H.M.S. 'Robin,' China Squadron; Edward S. Steward, F.R.C.S., 10 Princes Square, Harrogate; Charles M. Tuke, Chiswick House, Chiswick, W.; Lt.-Commander Robert E. Vaughan, R.N., H.M.S. 'Robin,' China Squadron; Colin West, The Grange, South Norwood Park, S.E.; and Augustus F. Wiener, F.Z.S., 6 Northwick Terrace, Maida Vale, N.W.

Heer Johannes Büttikofer, C.M.Z.S., Director of the Zoological Garden, Rotterdam, and Mons. Sergius A. Buturlin, of Weseenberg, Esthonia, Russia, were elected Foreign Members.

On the motion of Mr. E. Bidwell, seconded by Mr. H. J. Elwes, the following resolution was unanimously passed:—

“That the Committee be requested to consider the advisability of commemorating the Jubilee of the British Ornithologists' Union in 1908, and to report their opinion at the next Annual Meeting.”

After a vote of thanks to the Council of the Zoological Society of London for the use of their rooms had been unanimously agreed to, the Meeting adjourned.

### XXXIII.—*Notices of recent Ornithological Publications.*

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#### 59. *Alfaro on a new Owl from Costa Rica.*

[A new Owl from Costa Rica. By Anastasio Alfaro. Proc. Biol. Soc. Washington, xviii. p. 217.]

*Cryptoglaux ridgwayi* is described by the Director of the Costa Rica National Museum as a new species allied to